

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 2912 - HB 3046**

February 24, 2010

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Adds carbon dioxide gas to the definition of gas, as it relates to gas pipeline systems regulated by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (TRA).

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$94,000/Tennessee Regulatory Authority**

**Other Fiscal Impact – If current fee revenue to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority is insufficient for absorbing the additional expenditures associated with the new inspector position, then an increase to regulatory fees may be required.**

Assumptions:

- According to TRA, the Authority would require one new Environmental Protection Specialist 1 position for conducting additional inspections of gas pipeline corporations manufacturing carbon dioxide gas.
- The increase to recurring expenditures for the one additional position is estimated to be \$94,000 per year (\$46,000 salary, \$12,900 benefits, \$35,100 other).
- TRA operations are funded via the assessment of inspection and other regulatory fees. TRA has indicated that it may be able to absorb the new position into current operations without an increase to inspection or regulatory fees.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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